

Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

June 27, 2011

Present: Christina Cantrell, Brian Heagney, Linda Fusco, Bert VanderVeen, Shawn Wriede

Absent: Fabio Camara, Laura Wall

Guests: Officer Doug Campbell, Clint Spivey, business owner, Jon Mitchell, resident, Zora Medor, resident, Pam Grisby, resident, Steve Johnson, Southern Evergreen

Meeting Called to Order: 6:32 pm

- 1.) Community Watch Report:** The **police report** shows multiple burglaries, especially of businesses. An arrest has been made for the shooting at Summit Shopping Center which occurred on May 21. There has been no arrest for an armed robbery and shooting at an ATM on April 29.

Officer Campbell was asked about actions that police can take for a resident at a rental property on Dewey St, who yells and generally creates a disturbance. The suspect is known to police, who have been called a number of times. Officer Campbell stated that an arrest can be made if a person takes **threatening action, which includes abusive language**; further, a person can be taken for mental health evaluation. But Officer Campbell believes that working with the family generally has longer-lasting results.

There were also questions about the Greensboro noise ordinance, especially after a flurry of emails on the listserv regarding the music at Coffee at the Summit coffee shop. Officer Campbell stated the noise ordinance is in effect 24 hours; however, very few violations are successfully prosecuted because the legal decibel threshold is fairly high and most **noise complaints** do not exceed it. However, it was pointed out that the owner of **Coffee at the Summit** wrote a response to the listserv regretting any discomfort and requested that people contact him directly if noise levels are intolerable. It was also pointed out that several residents enjoy the music emanating from the coffee shop and do not find it disturbing.

- 2.) Steve Johnson of Southern Evergreen** introduced himself to the board with the news that Southern Evergreen, a design and build firm based in Greensboro, is prepared to purchase the **foreclosed property at 600 Summit Ave**. The building is in disrepair, but the stunning architectural details are still evident. Southern Evergreen is outgrowing its office in Summerfield and has been looking for secondary office space. Mr. Johnson is concerned that some historic guideline requirements may not be met due to substandard prior renovations and is seeking the support and partnership of the board to work through those issues. Southern Evergreen would like to maintain energy-efficient certification and restore the

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building to historical correctness as of its 1915 footprint. The board members are agreeable to working with Southern Evergreen in restoring the structure.

3.) COAs:

- a. **711 Fifth Ave** – remove 2 trees whose sap is dripping on applicant’s vehicles. There is insufficient space to build a garage at the back of the property and the applicant is not willing to park in the street. The board requested the assessment of the urban forester, but the applicant did not have this information, so a vote was deferred until Ms. Fusco could make inquiries.
UPDATE: Wed, June 29. Ms. Fusco reported that Mike Cusimano, urban forester, identified the trees as a single-trunk poplar and a double-trunk chinquapin oak and that he did not recommend removing either tree due to their size and good health. However, he recommended that one trunk of the oak, which is leaning, be removed. Ms. Fusco sent a request to vote via email and the board evenly split to approve/reject the application.

- 4.) Secretary-Treasurer report:** Minutes from the April board meeting were distributed, reviewed, and approved. Treasurer’s report for April & May were distributed.

Action Item for Shawn Wriede – post approved minutes on Historic Aycock District website.

- 5.) Welcome Basket** for new residents at 755 Percy St (Royal and Jessica Spence) was delivered by Leona Schweins on June 12, 2011.
- 6.) Newsletter:** The July issue of the news letter will be ready to deliver on Friday, July 1. Due to some absences during the holiday weekend, Ms. Fusco rearranged the delivery schedule and will send it out via email.
- 7.) Breedlove Radiator landscaping update:** The city (Marguerite Suggs) presented a landscape plan, which was reviewed by the board, but Mr. Spivey felt the trees in the plan would obscure his business (which is already difficult to see) and asked to redraft that portion of the plan. The board agreed. Bert VanderVeen agreed to send the plan back to the city for adjustments. After the final plan is approved, bids will go out to do the work although the chain link fence will be removed by the city. It was also noted that any signage advertising the business will not be fund by MSD monies
- 8.) Urban Harvest** is pulling out of the community garden at Dunleith. The community garden is thriving but needs someone to oversee it. Brian Heagney offered to contact Ester Maltby who might consider volunteering. Urban Harvest

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has a legal contract with the Daskalakis family to use the land as a community garden.

Action Item for Brian Heagney - contact Ester Malty for possible oversight of Dunleith Community Garden.

9.) The annual **landscape contract to maintain the medians on Yanceyville and the Max Bridge** is up for renewal on July 1, 2011. Dunlap Service, the current provider, supplied a renewal contract for the same price as last year (\$2,988.00). They have been doing an excellent job and the board unanimously approved the contract using MSD funds.

10.) **President's Report:** The city of Greensboro is considering new management of the **Farmer's Market on Yanceyville St.** since they no longer wish to manage it. Two proposals remain: the for-profit FCC (Farmer Community Collaborative) and the non-profit Greensboro Farmer's Market, Inc (formerly Friends of Farmer's Market). Bert VanderVeen has been attending the meetings to select the management and feels that Greensboro Farmer's Market, Inc is a more inclusive approach and FCC is a more farmer-centric (with reduced attention to crafts and gardeners). Most board members were not familiar with the proposals, so Mr. VanderVeen offered to email the proposals and any news reports regarding the choices.

11.) **National Night Out (NNO)** is scheduled for August 2, 2011. Ms. Fusco suggested that Aycock plan "porch parties" as we did last year because they seemed to work better than a large picnic in Sternberger Park. The board agreed. Ms. Fusco plans to request street closings to accommodate the parties. She volunteered to email the listserv to enlist hosts for porch parties. As a reminder, board elections also take place during this time.

Action Item for Linda Fusco - send email to listserv soliciting volunteers for NNO porch parties.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 pm.